

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A photographic system, comprising:

~~an inflatable structure that defines a cavity sufficiently large to contain a plurality of people, props, and equipment; and~~
~~adapted to provide a uniform background of a chroma key color for photographing a subject inside the structure, wherein the structure comprises a translucent wall that is colored to produce a uniform chroma key colored backdrop to a subject being photographed from inside the cavity. is sufficiently translucent such that visible light waves from outside the structure are transmitted into the structure in order to illuminate the inside of the structure.~~

- 2-3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, ~~wherein at least a portion of the visible light waves transmitted into the structure emanate from stage lighting located outside of the structure, further comprising a plurality of stage lights that illuminate the cavity from outside the structure.~~

5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the inflatable structure is comprised of a plastic sheeting.

7. (currently amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the plastic sheeting is a vinyl.

8. (currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the vinyl has a thickness of at least 4 ~~mm~~mils.

9. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the inflatable structure has a floor area of more than 20,000 sq. ft.

10. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the chroma key color is blue.

11. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the chroma key color is green.
 12. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the inflatable structure has a ~~10 ft x 10 ft entrance~~~~floor portion that is continuous with the wall~~.
 13. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the ~~subject is an actor~~~~structure is inflated by pressurizing the cavity~~.
- 14-18. (cancelled)
19. (currently amended) A photographic method, comprising:

~~providing an inflatable structure having a uniform background;~~
~~photographing a subject inside the inflatable structure; and~~
~~lighting the inside of the structure with visible light waves emanating from outside the structure~~
~~that defines a cavity having a wall colored to produce a chroma key colored background;~~
~~positioning a camera and a subject inside the cavity;~~
~~illuminating the subject with artificial lighting transmitted through the wall; and~~
~~photographing the thus illuminated subject against the background from the inside of the cavity.~~
 20. (currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of ~~photographing a subject further comprises filming a subject against the uniform background~~~~subject comprises a person~~.
 21. (currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of ~~lighting the inside of the structure further comprises setting up stage lighting outside of the structure~~~~subject comprises a car~~.
 22. (currently amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of ~~painting the uniform background with a chroma key color~~~~positioning at least some photography-related equipment inside the cavity, and operating the equipment from outside the cavity~~.
 23. (new) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of providing the structure further comprises ~~providing a floor portion that is an extension of the wall~~.

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the abstract by placing it on a separate sheet. Attached is a separate sheet showing the abstract on a separate sheet.

A clean copy of the amended abstract (on a separate sheet, but with no other changes) is as follows:

The present invention is directed toward a photographic system (100) wherein a subject (240) is photographed from within a translucent bubble (110) lit by light from outside the bubble. The bubble is adapted to provide a uniform background which can be digitally replaced after photographing.

Please amend paragraph beginning on page 4, line 25 and ending on page 5, line 2 as follows:

Inflatable structure 110 is substantially comprised of 6 ~~mm~~mil vinyl sheeting.

While vinyl sheeting is the preferred constituent material for an inflatable structure, it will be understood by one of skill in the art that other materials will suffice so long as they are capable of being inflated, are sufficiently translucent, and are capable of being adapted to provide a uniform background. Other contemplated constituent materials that can be used for the inflatable structure include various plastics, paper, cotton, nylon, and polyester, and light weight rubber. Poly-silk is preferred for its durability and nylon works particularly well because it is light weight. Because the structure is likely to be comprised of a light weight flexible material, the structure is envisaged to be easily transportable.

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